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VIENNA FOR DEA WALTZ; STATE FOR EUR/EE, S/NM;
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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LIAISON - BULGARIA

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1. EMBASSY HAS NOT RECEIVED REPLY TO NOTES AND INQUIRIES REGARDING APPOINTMENTS FOR WALTZ AND FRIAS WITH MINISTRY INTERNAL AFFAIRS (MIF). IT IS OBVIOUS, HOWEVER, THAT REQUEST AND OUR PROBING ARE CAUSING SOME STRESSES AND STRAINS THAT ARE NOT HELPFUL TO OUR NARCOTICS CONTROL EFFORTS. IF THERE WERE ANY ILLUSIONS THAT MIF APPOINTMENTS WERE SIMPLY MATTER OF CALLING UP NIKOLOV (DEA CONTACT AT VIENNA CONFERENCE IN JUNE), THESE MUST NOW BE REGARDED AS COMPLETELY DISPELLED. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO ASSURANCE THAT ANY APPOINTMENTS WITH MIF WILL BE FORTHCOMING, AND EMBASSY STRONGLY BELIEVES IT WOULD NOT BE IN OUR INTEREST TO PUSH THE MATTER ANY FURTHER.

2. NWN VIEW THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT MUST BE EMPHASIZED THAT EMBASSY CONSENT FOR WALTZ-FRIAS VISIT IS ON BASIS THAT EMBASSY WILL APPROVE AND MONITOR ALL APPOINTMENTS, THAT ALL SUBJECT MATTER WILL BE CLEARED WITH EMBASSY PRIOR TO ANY DISCUSSIONS, AND THAT THERE WILL BE NO UNCOORDINATED, CONFIDENTIAL

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INDEPENDENT FISHING EXPEDITIONS FOR CONTACTS, APPOINTMENTS,

OR INFORMATION.

3. EMBASSY HAS LONG AND FREQUENTLY POINTED OUR FRAGILE NATURE OF COOPERATION IN NARCOTICS FIELD BECAUSE OF LIMITED INTEREST ON PART OF GOB AND BECAUSE OF GENERAL STATE OF US-BULGARIAN RELATIONS. WE REQUIRE UTMOST CARE THAT THE EXISTING COOPERATION IS NOT ENDANGERED. HANDLED PROPERLY, HOWEVER, WE WELCOME WALTZ-FRIAS VISIT AND BELIEVE IT CAN CONTRIBUTE TO MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION IN US-BULGARIAN EFFORTS THIS FIELD.

4. EMBASSY MUST INSIST THAT ARRIVAL DATE OF AUGUST 25 ORIGINALLY SUGGESTED BY EMBASSY IN REFTEL C BE ADHERED TO. AUSTRIAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 811 FROM VIENNA ARRIVES AT 1430 HOURS. WALTZ AND FRIAS WILL BE MET AT AIRPORT AND BROUGHT TO EMBASSY FOR BRIEFING. AUGUST 26 AND 27 WILL THEN BE AVAILABLE FOR ADDITIONAL BRIEFINGS, MEETINGS WITH CUSTOMS, AND IN EVENT THEY MATERIALIZE MEETINGS WITH MIF. IT IS ALREADY CLEAR THAT CUSTOMS WILL BE OFFICIAL HOST FOR VISIT.

5. IT IS REQUESTED THAT ANY RESPONSE TO THIS MESSAGE BE BY "IMMEDIATE" TELEGRAM.
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